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SUBJ: NEW UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS NAMED

1. SUMMARY. ON MARCH 22 PRESIDENT APARICIO MENDEZ NAMED SR. ENRIQUE DELFANTE AS THE NEW SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SUCCEEDING DR. GUIDO MICHELIN SALOMON, WHO RESIGNED IN DECEMBER 1976. THIS IS DELFANTE'S FIRST GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT, ALL HIS PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MAINLY IN EXPORTATION OF CATTLE AND NON-TRADITIONAL EXPORTS. HIS APPOINTMENT IS BELIEVED TO REFLECT THE FONOFF'S NEW EMPHASIS ON EXPORT PROMOTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DELFANTE WAS BORN FEBRUARY 12, 1922 (55 YEARS OLD). HE STUDIED LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE REPUBLIC IN MONTEVIDEO BUT COMPLETED ONLY THREE YEARS OF THE SIX-YEAR COURSE. HE LATER STUDIED AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PLANNING IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF DELFANTE IS THAT HE IS INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE BUT PROBABLY FALLS SHORT OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF INTELLECT SHOWN BY HIS PREDECESSOR. HE IS SAID TO BE AN EXCELLENT PERSON, A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST, AND ELEGANT IN APPEARANCE. AN EMBASSY SOURCE SAID THAT DELFANTE IS
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PRAGMATIC, DOES NOT LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN DIFFICULT THINGS, AND WOULD NOT FIGHT FOR AN IDEAL. ALTHOUGH HE HAD CONTACT WITH THE AGATT HERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, NOTHING IS CURRENTLY KNOWN ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE U.S.

4. THE APPOINTMENT OF DELFANTE, AN EXPORTER, IS A BREAK WITH THE TRADITION OF HAVING LAWYERS IN TOP FONOFF POSTS.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE MINISTRY'S GREATLY INCREASED EMPHASIS
ON EXPORT PROMOTION, IT IS A LOGICAL AND POTENTIALLY
PRODUCTIVE STEP.

5. DELFANTE IS MARRIED TO OLGA BAZZANO BONOMI AND HAS
TWO CHILDREN AND TWO GRANCHILDREN.
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